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PAIR SENTENCED FOR THREATENING JUDGE AND ATTORNEY

Defendants Mailed Threatening Letters and Spring-Loaded Devices

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that Kris Lynn Campbell and Daniel Davis were sentenced today by the Honorable Ed Kinkeade, United States District Judge. Campbell was sentenced to 50 months imprisonment and Davis was sentenced to 78 months imprisonment. Both defendants pled guilty earlier this year to mailing threatening letters and spring-loaded devices to Magistrate Judge William F. Sanderson, Jr., Northern District of Texas, and a Dallas lawyer.

Campbell, age 29, and Davis, age 41, were prisoners in the Estelle Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville, Texas, in March 2001. From March to May 2001, Campbell and Davis agreed or conspired to mail threatening communications. They admitted that as part of the conspiracy, they made sharp devices, enclosed them in parcels mailed to others, wrote threatening letters, and sent the letters and devices by mail.

In March 2001, Davis made a spring-loaded device and wrote a threatening letter to Magistrate Judge Sanderson. He mailed that device and the letter in a parcel to Judge Sanderson. In April 2001, Campbell wrote a threatening letter which contained a demand for money, which he mailed, along with a device made of razor blades, to a Dallas lawyer.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the efforts of the FBI's Domestic Terrorism Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lynn Hastings.